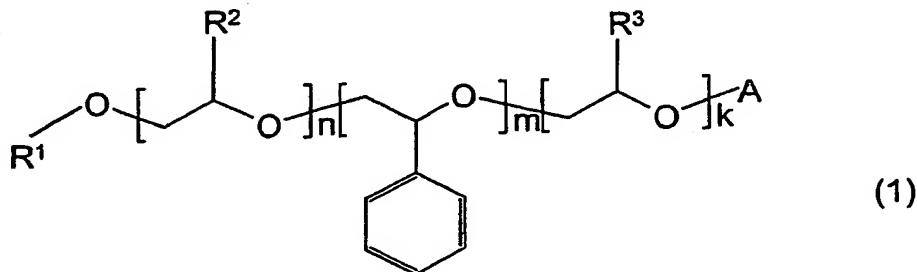


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A copolymer of the formula (1)



in which

R^1 is hydrogen, a C_1-C_5 -alkyl radical, or C_2-C_5 -alkenyl radical which may also contain hetero atoms, an acid group or an aliphatic or aromatic group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, which carries including an acid group,

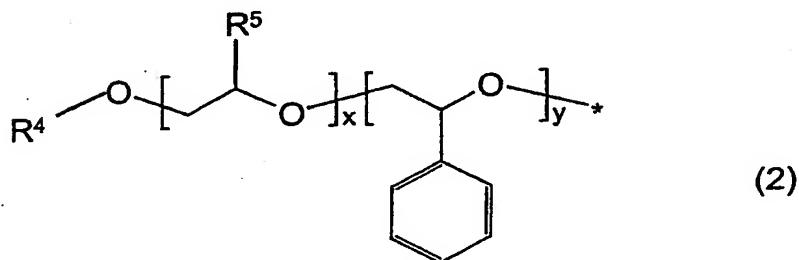
R^2 and R^3 , independently of one another, are hydrogen, methyl and/or ethyl,

n is a number from 0 to 100, and

m is a number from 3 to 30, and

k is a number from 1 to 200, and

A is a copolymer unit of the formula (2)



in which

R^4 is hydrogen, a C₁-C₅-alkyl radical or C₂-C₅-alkenyl radical which may also contain hetero atoms, an acid group or an aliphatic or aromatic group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~which carries~~ including an acid group,

R^5 is hydrogen, methyl and/or ethyl,

x is a number from 0 to 100, and

y is a number from 3 to 30,

where R^1 is hydrogen or an acid group.

2.(Original) The copolymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the alkoxy groups are arranged block by block.

3.(Currently Amended) The copolymer as claimed in claim 1 [[and/or 2]], wherein k is a number from 10 to 100.

4.(Currently Amended) The copolymer ~~of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein m is a number from 3 to 10.

5.(Currently Amended) The copolymer ~~of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein n is a number from 1 to 5.

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6.(Currently Amended) The copolymer of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of
~~claims 1 to 5~~, wherein formula 1 represents an ester or partial ester.

7.(Currently Amended) The copolymer of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of
~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein R¹ or R⁴ is a C₂- to C₅-alkenyl group.

8.(Currently Amended) ~~The use of a copolymer as claimed in one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 7 as A method for emulsifying a pigment emulsifier and or a~~
~~bitumen, said method comprising admixing the pigment or bitumen with the~~
~~copolymer of claim 1 emulsifier.~~

9.(Currently Amended) ~~The use of a copolymer as claimed in claim 7 as an~~
~~emulsifier in A method for emulsion polymerization, said method comprising~~
~~adding the copolymer of claim 1 to a polymer reaction mixture and~~
~~polymerizing said mixture.~~